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Office Action Summary

Application No.	09/890,990	Applicant(s)	DAVIS, PETER DAVID
Examiner	Charanjit S. Aulakh	Art Unit	1625

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 May 2004.
2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 21 and 23-40 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 21,23-25,31,33,36-38 and 40 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) 26-30,32,34,35 and 39 is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. According to paper filed on May 5, 2004, the applicants have canceled claim 22 and furthermore, have amended claims 21, 23-31 and 34-40.
2. Claims 21 and 23-40 are now pending in the application.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed on May 5, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive regarding some of indefiniteness rejections. The examiner agrees with the applicants arguments regarding enablement. In regard to indefiniteness, the applicants did not address the last two issues raised in the last office action. It is still not clear how the two moieties are linked. The position of link of XB group to moiety A is not defined. Is it linked to one of the variables (R1-R6), specific phenyl ring or the carbon atom linking two phenyl groups ?. Claim 23 still lacks antecedental basis for limitation, hydrate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt therof. The applicants are suggested to include this term in claim 21 also to overcome this rejection.

Conclusion

4. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph is now withdrawn in view of persuasive arguments.
5. Rejection of claims 21 and 23 under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph is maintained for the reasons of record.
6. rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101 is withdrawn in view of amendment.

NEW GROUNDS OF REJECTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claims 21, 24, 25, 31, 33, 36-38 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 21, the value of group X as well as linker atom are not defined. Also, line 6 from bottom, it should read as –at least two – instead of ---at least to---.

In claims 24, 25and 31, the term –linker group--- is indefinite since it is not clear whether is it directed to group X or something else?

In claim 33, variables X1 and B1 are defined. However, they are not present in the formula.

In claims 36-38 and 40, the applicants are using the word –mammal --- in one place and ---animal—at other place in the same claim. For consistency, the applicants are suggested to use either mammal or animal in all claims.

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

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mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charanjit S. Aulakh whose telephone number is (571)272-0678. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang can be reached on (571)272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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